

From Mattachine
FBI Field office files

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-425537)

4/18/57

SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-55095)

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[redacted] WAS.
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OO: San Francisco

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On 4/17/57, SA [redacted] contacted [redacted]
(conceal at request). CLARK Hotel + address

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[redacted] advised from their records that the
"Daughters of Bilitis" of San Francisco, identified in the hotel
records as a "tour group," held a breakfast for sixteen persons
at the Clark Hotel above on 1/27/57, the reservation having
been made by Ann Miss Martin of San Fran.

[redacted] advised confidentially that [redacted]
mentioned in Bulet to San Francisco 2/8/57 in this
matter, is secretary to [redacted]
[redacted] one of the owners of
the hotel. [redacted] has been employed there over a year

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employed by the Hotel Greeters Association and that she was
discharged from that job for being too officious.

Files of the Los Angeles Office contain a booklet
consisting of 187 pages furnished 12/17/56 by [redacted]
(conceal at request). This
booklet, which is located in LA file 100-33803-1A27, was
furnished to SA [redacted] in connection with the matter
entitled "'ONE,' THE HOMOSEXUAL MAGAZINE PUBLISHED BY
ONE INCORPORATED, 232 SOUTH HILL STREET, LOS ANGELES 12,
CALIFORNIA; RESEARCH (CRIME RECORDS)." At pages 103 and 104
of this booklet, there is an article entitled "Daughters of
Bilitis" dated San Francisco, 1955, by DEL MARTIN, President.

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- 3 - Bureau (REGISTERED)
(1 - 100-403380) ("ONE," THE HOMOSEXUAL MAGAZINE, etc.)
3 - San Francisco (100-42738)
(1 - 100-37394) ("ONE," THE HOMOSEXUAL MAGAZINE, etc.)
2 - Los Angeles
(1 - 100-53803)

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In part, the article is quoted as follows:

"The first organizational meeting of the Women's Society, now known as the Daughters of Bilitis, was held in San Francisco on September 21, 1955. Eight charter members met for four consecutive weeks until the basic constitution and by-laws were drawn up, a name chosen, and officers elected. The first official meeting of the newly formed organization was held October 19, 1955.

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"Dedicated to a program of bringing understanding to and about the Lesbian, the Daughters of Bilitis meet twice monthly -- one meeting being the regular business meeting, the other a discussion session. In twenty meetings held, there has been a total attendance of 183.

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"Membership is open to any woman, twenty-one years of age, who is interested. While there is but a single chapter in existence at present, the constitution has been set up so that chapters may be formed in other areas. (Daughters of Bilitis, PO Box 2183, San Francisco 26, Cal.)

"AIMS & PURPOSES -- (Daughters of Bilitis)

"A woman's organization for the purpose of promoting the integration of the homosexual into society by: --

"1. Education of the variant, with particular emphasis on the psychological, physiological and sociological aspects, to enable her to understand herself and make her adjustment to society in all its social, civic and economic implications -- this to be accomplished by establishing and maintaining as complete a library as possible of both fiction and non-fiction on the sex deviant theme: By sponsoring public discussion on pertinent subjects to be conducted by leading members of the legal, psychiatric, religious and other professions; by advocating a mode of behavior and dress acceptable to society.

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DOROTHY L. MARTIN, was.
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OO: San Francisco

Re: 4/4/57.

On 4/17/57, SA [redacted] contacted [redacted]

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[redacted] Clark Hotel, 420 South Hill St.,
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 - (1 - 100-405520) ("ONE," THE HOMOSEXUAL MAGAZINE, etc.)
- 3 - San Francisco (100-42751)
 - (1 - 100-37394) ("ONE," THE HOMOSEXUAL MAGAZINE, etc.)
- 2 - Los Angeles
 - (1 - 100-55003)

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[From 687 Historical Society copy]

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"The first organizational meeting of the Women's Society, now known as the Daughters of Bilitis, was held in San Francisco on September 22, 1955. Eight charter members met for four consecutive weeks until the basic constitution and by-laws were drawn up, a name chosen, and officers elected. The first official meeting of the newly formed organization was held October 19, 1955.

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"Dedicated to a program of bringing understanding to and about the lesbian, the Daughters of Bilitis meets twice monthly -- one meeting being the regular business meeting, the other a discussion session. In twenty meetings held, there has been a total attendance of 103.

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"2. Education of the public at large through acceptance first of the individual, leading to an eventual breakdown of the erroneous conceptions, taboos, and prejudices; through public discussion meetings aforementioned; through dissemination of educational literature on the homosexual.

"3. Participation in research projects by duly authorized and responsible psychology, sociology, and other experts directed towards further knowledge of the homosexual.

"4. Investigation of the Penal Code as it pertains to the homosexual, proposals of changes to provide an equitable handling of cases involving this minority group and promotion of these changes by due process of law in the State legislatures."

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Los Angeles (100-45888)
FROM : SAC, San Francisco (100-37394)
SUBJECT: THE MATTACHINE FOUNDATION, INC.
Aka. Mattachine Society
RESEARCH (CRIME RECORDS)

DATE: August 22, 1956

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SA [redacted] on August 15, 1956, furnished [redacted] with originals of the two below-mentioned items. Two photostats of the items are being furnished to you for completion of your file on captioned organization.

1. Leaflet, "In case you didn't KNOW".
2. 16-page booklet captioned, "Mattachine Society TODAY".

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SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-45888)

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SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-37394)

THE MATTACHINE FOUNDATION, INC., aka
The Mattachine Society
RESEARCH (CRIME RECORDS)

Re: airtel dated 8/22/56.

[redacted] on 10/24/56, furnished SA [redacted]
with originals of the below-described items. A photostat of each
item is being furnished to you for completion of your file on cap-
tioned organization.

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1. Newsletter of the San Francisco Chapter,
Mattachine Society, dated August 1953.
2. Newsletter of the San Francisco Chapter,
Mattachine Society, dated August 27, 1953.
3. Newsletter of the San Francisco Chapter,
Mattachine Society, dated September 15, 1953.
4. Newsletter of the San Francisco Chapter,
Mattachine Society, dated October 15, 1953,
(identified as such on second page).
5. Newsletter of the San Francisco Chapter,
Mattachine Society, dated October 26, 1953.
6. Newsletter of the San Francisco Chapter,
Mattachine Society, dated December 17, 1953.
7. Newsletter of the San Francisco Chapter,
Mattachine Society, dated January 21, 1954.

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2 - Los Angeles (100-45888) (Encs. 51) (RM)

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8. Newsletter of the San Francisco Chapter, Mattachine Society, dated February 14, 1954.
9. Newsletter of the San Francisco Chapter, Mattachine Society, dated March 20, 1954.
10. Newsletter of the San Francisco Chapter, Mattachine Society, dated April 15, 1954.
11. Newsletter of the San Francisco Chapter, Mattachine Society, dated May 15, 1954.
12. Newsletter of the San Francisco Chapter, Mattachine Society, dated June 25, 1954.
13. Newsletter of the San Francisco Chapter, Mattachine Society, dated July 15, 1954.
14. Newsletter of the San Francisco Chapter, Mattachine Society, dated August 15, 1954.
15. Newsletter of the San Francisco Chapter, Mattachine Society, dated September 15, 1954.
16. Newsletter of the San Francisco Chapter, Mattachine Society, dated October 15, 1954.
17. Newsletter of the San Francisco Chapter, Mattachine Society, dated November 15, 1954.
18. Newsletter of the San Francisco Chapter, Mattachine Society, dated December 15, 1954.
19. Newsletter of the San Francisco Chapter, Mattachine Society, dated January 15, 1955.
20. Newsletter of the San Francisco Chapter, Mattachine Society, dated February 15, 1955.
21. Newsletter of the San Francisco Chapter, Mattachine Society, dated March 15, 1955.

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22. Newsletter of the San Francisco Chapter, Mattachine Society, dated November 14, 1955.
23. "Mattachine Newsletter" of the San Francisco Area Council dated April 1955 (identified as such on second page).
24. "Mattachine Newsletter" of the San Francisco Area Council dated May 1955 (identified as such on second page).
25. "Mattachine Newsletter" of the San Francisco Area Council dated June 1955 (identified as such on second page).
26. "Mattachine Newsletter" of the San Francisco Area Council dated July 1955.
27. "Mattachine Newsletter" of the San Francisco Area Council dated August 1955.
28. "Mattachine Newsletter" of the San Francisco Area Council dated September 1955.
29. "Mattachine Newsletter" of the San Francisco Area Council dated October 1955.
30. "Mattachine Newsletter" of the San Francisco Area Council dated November 1955.
31. "Mattachine Newsletter" of the San Francisco Area Council dated December 1955.
32. "Mattachine Newsletter" of the San Francisco Area Council dated January 1956.
33. "Mattachine Newsletter" of the San Francisco Area Council dated February 1956.
34. "Mattachine Newsletter" of the San Francisco Area Council dated March 1956.

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35. "Mattachine Newsletter" of the San Francisco Area Council dated April 1956.
36. "Mattachine Newsletter" of the San Francisco Area Council dated June 1956.
37. "Mattachine Newsletter" of the San Francisco Area Council dated July 1956.
38. "Mattachine Newsletter" of the San Francisco Area Council dated August 1956.
39. "Mattachine Review" dated January-February 1955.
40. "Mattachine Review" dated March-April 1955.
41. "Mattachine Review" dated May-June 1955.
42. "Mattachine Review" dated July-August 1955.
43. "Mattachine Review" dated September-October 1955.
44. "Mattachine Review" dated November-December 1955.
45. "Mattachine Review" dated February 1956.
46. "Mattachine Review" dated April 1956.
47. "Mattachine Review" dated May 1956, (identified as such on second page).
48. "Mattachine Review" dated June 1956.
49. "Mattachine Review" dated August 1956.
50. October 1956 issue of "The Ladder," published monthly in San Francisco, California, by the Daughters of Bilitis.
51. Leaflet captioned, "In Case You Didn't Know," by the "Mattachine Review," 693 Mission Street, Room 312, San Francisco 5, California.

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The above-described items are maintained in 100-37394-1B.

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LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

In the interest of economy and to avoid sending material to your office which you already possess, the Los Angeles Office is requested to advise whether any arrangements have been made to obtain future issues of the "Mattachine Review."

Unless advised to the contrary, the San Francisco Office will continue to furnish the Los Angeles Office with newsletters published by the various chapters in the Northern District of California.

SAC, NEW YORK

11/8/56

SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-37394)

THE MATTACHINE SOCIETY, INC.
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(OO: Los Angeles)

Re Los Angeles letter to the Bureau dated August 23,
1956, cc: New York, et al.

[redacted] on October 24, 1956, furnished the originals
of the following items:

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1. Letter dated September 12, 1956, by [redacted] New
York Area Council, Mattachine Society, Inc.
In his letter [redacted] informed there was no
chapter of the Daughters of Bilitis, but hoped
one would be formed soon. [redacted]
[redacted]
2. August-September 1954 issue of "Mattachine
Newsletter," published by the New York Area
Council, Mattachine Society, Inc.

Photostats of the two above-described items are being
furnished to you for completion of your file on captioned organiza-
tion.

A photostat of the above-described items is maintained
in 100-37394 Sub. A.

- 2 - New York (Encs. 2) (RM)
3 - San Francisco (100-37394) [initials]

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-403320)
FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-45888)
SUBJECT: THE MATTACHINE SOCIETY, INC.
IS - C

DATE: AUG 23 1956

OO - Los Angeles

Rebulet 7/31/56.

Rebulet requested Los Angeles to furnish any current information concerning captioned organization or its publications, but that no active investigation be conducted.

Copies of this letter are being furnished to other offices for their information because chapters of the Society exist within their territories.

Set forth herein is a brief survey of the activities of the Society since the closing report of SA [redacted] dated 12/31/53 at Los Angeles. For the information of offices which have not received prior reports, some background on the Society is set forth. The sources of the information contained herein are, in most instances, publications of the Society or confidential sources who have furnished reliable information in the past. No report is being submitted because no security problem appears to exist.

- 3 - Bureau (REGISTERED)
- 1 - Boston (REGISTERED)
- 1 - Chicago (REGISTERED)
- 1 - Miami (REGISTERED)
- 1 - New Orleans (REGISTERED)
- 1 - New York (REGISTERED)
- 1 - Norfolk (REGISTERED)
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-37394) DATE: 11/19/56

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-45888)

SUBJECT: THE MATTACHINE FOUNDATION, INC., aka
THE MATTACHINE SOCIETY RESEARCH (CRIME RECORDS)

Reurlet 11/8/56.

This case is in a closed status in the Los Angeles Division and it is not desired that photostatic copies of publications of the society in Northern California be forwarded to Los Angeles.

Arrangements have been made to subscribe to the "Mattachine Review"; consequently, photostatic copies of this publication are not necessary.

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SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (94-843)

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SA [REDACTED]

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On 2/20/57, PCI [REDACTED] was interviewed by SA [REDACTED] and furnished the following information concerning the Mattachine Organization.

The informant advised that information received from various members of the Mattachine Organization is as follows:

They are going to move the headquarters to San Francisco and that they will expand activities of the male and female queer sections, because of their sanctuary here in San Francisco as a bohemian city. They had announced that as of 2/1/57, two additional offices have been added to their office facilities at 693 Mission Street, the Williams Building, which gave them four or more rooms. The room numbers are 307, 308, 309 and 312.

The informant stated that the Publishing Department will operate under "The Pan - Graphic Press" at the above address.

The telephone number for this organization is EXbrook 7-0773.

The informant stated that the ~~daughters of the Bilitis~~, which is a companion organization of the Mattachine Organization, will also operate on a more definite status and a list of the members is being compiled at this time.

The informant advised he understood they are renting rooms, and recreational facilities are apparently going to be provided by the above clubs.

The informant advised the following notice appeared in the bulletin of the Mattachine Organization: "During February permanent files of the Board of Directors are to be moved to San Francisco from Los Angeles. Early in the month new bank accounts for the Board are also to be established in San Francisco."

The informant advised he would continue to be on the alert for any information concerning the activities of this organization and he is endeavoring to obtain a membership list of both the Daughters of Bilitis and The Mattachine, and make it available to the writer.

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